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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4560
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: MOPS ENRG
SUBJECT: BAB AL MANDAB BLOCKADE

REF: (A) BEIRUT 13731 (B) TEL AVIV 9786

1. YESTERDAY, PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REF A, CRAIG OF AMOCO MENTIONED "BLOCKADE" TO USINTOFF, COMPLAINING THAT NO CRUDE SHIPMENTS FROM GULF OF SUEZ HAD BEEN POSSIBLE SINCE EARLY OCTOBER. CRAIG HAD INFORMALLY ASKED ASHRAF GHORBAL "IF THERE WAS ANY RELIEF IN SIGHT", AND GHORBAL TOLD HIM HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER, BUT CRAIG HEARD NOTHING FURTHER.

2 USINT UNAWARE OF ACTUAL SITUATION AT PRESENT AND UNABLE FURNISH BEIRUT A REPLY TO REFTEL. PERHAPS DEPARTMENT HAS ENOUGH INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ANSWER BEIRUT'S QUERY.

3. COMMENT: QUERIES APPARENTLY PROMPTED BY AMOCO CHICAGO OFFICE WHICH CONTROLS TANKER MOVEMENTS. SUSPECT CHICAGO OFFICE MAY BE CONFUSING GOE DELCARED WAR ZONE WITH BAD EL MANDAB BLOCKADE. THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE NO REASON WHY EGYPTIANS WOULD WANT TO STOP TANKER MOVEMENTS TO HAUL
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EGYPTIAN CRUDE. WE HAVE NO, RPT NO, CONFIRMATION OF

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EMBASSY TEL AVIV SUGGESTION (TEL AVIV 9786) THAT ISRAELIS
MAY BE BLOCKING GULF OF SUEZ. CRAIG KNEW NOTHING ABOUT
ANY SUCH BLOCKADE.
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